CLAIMS:

What we claim as our invention is:

1. A system for processing data retrieved from an information service layer, the system comprising:

   a requestor component operable to provide a request for data to the information service layer;

   a receiver component operable to communicate with a client service of the information service layer and to receive a response from the information service layer, the response including at least a portion of the requested data;

   an analyzer operable to analyze at least a portion of the response; and

   a writer component operable to format the analyzed portion of the response based upon a desired format.

2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the requested data is associated with an application.

3. The system of Claim 2, wherein the analyzer includes a manipulator operable to manipulate the analyzed portion of the response to analyze a metric associated with the application.

4. The system of Claim 2, wherein the analyzer is further operable to verify cycles associated with the application.

5. The system of Claim 4, wherein the cycles associated with the application is further defined as invoicing cycles.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the writer component is operable to format the analyzed portion of the response as an extensible mark-up language report.

7. The system of Claim 1, wherein the writer component is operable to format the analyzed portion of the response as an extensible mark-up language tag.

8. The system of Claim 1, wherein the writer component is operable to format the analyzed portion of the response as delimited.

9. The system of Claim 1, further comprising an application program interface operable to promote communication between other systems.

10. The system of Claim 9, wherein the application program interface is operable to enable an application to pass a request to the requestor and receive the analyzed portion.

11. The system of Claim 9, wherein the application program interface is further operable to promote communications between at least one application resident on at least one other computer system.

12. A system for managing operations of applications; comprising

a requestor component operable to provide the request for data;

a service layer including:

a control system having a registry and operable to receive the request for data, the request including a source identifier and a data identifier,

a client service operable to register with the control system and receive the request for data, the client service further operable to communicate a requested data related to the data identifier to the requestor, and

a retrieval service operable to utilize at least a portion of the source identifier to retrieve the requested data related to the data identifier and communicate the requested data to the client service;

a receiver component operable to receive a response string from the service layer, the response string including the data based on the request;

an analysis component operable to analyze at least a portion of the response string; and

a writer component operable to format the at least portion of the response string based upon a desired format.

13. The system of Claim 12, further comprising an operations console having a dashboard for selecting applications having data to monitor, the operations console operable to establish a threshold related to the data of the application and compare the threshold to at least the portion of the response string.

14. The system of Claim 12, wherein the service layer is operable to non-invasively retrieve data from an application on a mainframe

15. The system of Claim 12, wherein the requestor communicates with the control system on a first communication channel and wherein the requestor communicates with the client service on a second communication channel.

16. A method for processing data retrieved from an information service layer; the method comprising:

    building a request for data;

    submitting the request for data to an information service layer;

    receiving at least a portion of the requested data from the information service layer; and

    processing a script to format the data.

17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the script is further defined as a verification script including programming to monitor a process based on the requested data and spawn an event based upon a trigger related to the requested data.

18. The method of Claim 17, wherein the process is defined as an application operation.

19. The method of Claim 17, wherein the process is defined as an invoicing cycle.

20. The method of Claim , wherein the script is further defined as logic to manipulate the requested data.

21. The method of Claim 16, wherein the script is processed automatically upon receiving the at least portion of the requested data from the information service layer.

22. The method of Claim 16, wherein the script is processed prior to receiving the analyzed portion of the requested data from the information service layer.

23. The method of Claim 16, wherein processing the script to format the data includes formatting the data to extensible mark-up language reports.

24. The method of Claim 16, wherein processing the script to format the data includes formatting the data to a tab delimited file.

25. The method of Claim 16, wherein processing the script to format the data includes formatting the data to extensible mark-up language tags.

26. The method of Claim 16, wherein building the request for data includes generating an extensible mark-up language tag.

27. The method of Claim 16, wherein the information service layer is operable on a first computer system, the method further comprising passing formatted data to an application operable on a second computer system.